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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Josée HAMEL, et al.

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Re: NOVEL STREPTOCOCCUS ANTIGENS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 36 and 37.

Please amend claims 16, 18, 25, and 32-35 as follows:

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16. An isolated polypeptide having at least 95% identity along the full length of a second polypeptide, said second polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of any one of SEQ ID NOs 2, 10, 16 or 55, wherein said isolated polypeptide elicits an antistreptococcal immune response in an individual when administered to the individual.
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